

BRAC in Bethesda Time Line

Transportation Infrastructure and Funding Highlights for the WRNMMC surrounding area

2005	BRAC law passes closing Walter Reed in Washington, DC on September 15, 2011 and moving part of the facility to an expanded Bethesda Naval Hospital
December 2006	Navy conducts scoping meetings to meet BRAC mandate
March 2007	County Executive Creates the BRAC Implementation Committee
2007	Navy conducts traffic analysis as part of the Environmental Impact Statement
2007	Maryland DOT programs approximately \$30 million for intersections projects around the base (reduced from \$45 million)
October 2007	Montgomery County DOT identifies four key intersections to modify, in addition to improved access to metro/mass transit and pedestrian and bike mobility in the surrounding area
December 2007	Congress approves \$1.97 million in FY2008 Transportation funds for MD 355 BRAC improvements (intersections projects). This is first of three earmarks providing a total of \$9.4 million for the intersections projects.
April 2008	Final EIS is published by the Navy regarding the BRAC activity
March 2009	Congress approves \$3 million in FY2009 Transportation funds for MD 355 BRAC improvements (intersections projects)
April 2009	SHA hosts Open Houses to discuss preliminary plans for four key intersections
September 2009	DOD formally certifies \$20 million in DAR funds for MD 355 Crossing project (Navy formally requested eligibility in May 2008)
October 2009	Key threshold: County and State DOT's coordination efforts achieved when the projects were consolidated into a comprehensive plan that outlined "Tiers and Phases" to implement transit, road, and bike/pedestrian improvements. This "Tiers and Phases" plan formed the basis of Congressional delegation's pursuit of federal funding, and enabled the many agency stakeholders to better coordinate ongoing work.
Fall 2009	County Council provides initial funding for NEPA study for Crossing Project. Total funding for the study was approx. \$1 million
December 2009	Congress approves \$4.4 million in FY2010 Transportation funds for MD 355 BRAC improvements (intersections projects)
January 2010	MCDOT holds first of several public meetings on NEPA process for MD 355 Crossing Project

Summer 2010	County Council approves \$5 million for bike/pedestrian paths construction
December 2010	Coordinating Agencies determine Local Preferred Alternatives for Crossing Project: Deep Elevators and Pedestrian Underpass, with at-grade improvements
April 2011	Congress approves \$300 million for transportation projects in communities with BRAC-impacted military medical facilities, including Bethesda
Spring 2011	<i>MCDOT completes resurfacing and re-striping of Battery Lane between Old Georgetown and Rockville Pike to include bike lanes</i>
Spring 2011	MCDOT completes new bike/ped signage and safety features in Battery Lane neighborhood
Spring 2011	MCDOT installs new sidewalk on east side of MD 355 between Cedar Lane and Jones Bridge Road
May 2011	Federal Highway Administration approves Local Preferred Alternative for MD 355 Crossing Project, making the project eligible for federal funding
June 2011	DOD reprograms additional \$8.174 million in DAR funds for MD 355 Crossing project
July 2011	SHA installs interim traffic signal on Rockville Pike at Navy's North Wood Gate, to be operational in the morning and afternoon peak hours. SHA will monitor and adjust signal timing based on impacts to Rockville Pike traffic and vehicular backups on North Wood Drive.
Summer 2011	MCDOT installs multi use paths on Jones Bridge Road and Cedar Lane; constructed with County funds.
Summer 2011	MCDOT completes traffic study at Chevy Chase Valley neighborhood (study completed June/July2010) and installs traffic signal on Jones Bridge Road at Spring Valley Road; MCDOT installs temporary traffic channelizing measures at Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase Valley neighborhood
Summer 2011	<i>SHA completes resurfacing of Old Georgetown Road between Wisconsin Avenue and Brook Lane</i>
Summer 2011	Navy completes improvements at Rockville Pike Gates (North Wood and South Wood)
August 2011	<i>MCDOT completes reconstruction of Cedar Lane bridge over Rock Creek, which includes new multi use lane and connections to other paths (part of the OEA Facilities Study as a BRAC mitigation)</i>
August 2011	<i>NSAB announces intention to conduct an EIS for additional construction, including new buildings and parking structures.</i>
September 2011	Maryland Transit Administration adds new commuter bus routes to Medical Center from central Maryland
September 15, 2011	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda opens

November 2011	DOD-OEA approves five project proposals to contribute to transportation infrastructure totaling \$88.9 million for Bethesda BRAC projects
January 2012	Navy completes improvements, including the installation of a traffic signal, at University Gate on Jones Bridge Road; Similar improvements to Grier and Exchange Gates to be completed by December 2012
March 2012	SHA construction begins on Phase I of intersection improvements

Italics represent transportation infrastructure and other projects in the immediate area that are not BRAC related but do have an impact on mobility.

* Spring/Summer 2012

Anticipated completion of SHA resurfacing projects on Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase and Bethesda

* June 2012

Anticipated completion of improvement to Navy's Grier Road Gate on Jones Bridge Road

* December 2012

Anticipated completion of improvement to Navy's Exchange Gate on Jones Bridge Road

Total allocated funds:

Montgomery County \$5 million for construction of multiuse paths

\$1 million for NEPA study

State of Maryland \$30 million (SHA intersections)

Federal

Congressional Transportation Appropriations: \$9.4 million in FY 2008, 2009, 2010 for intersections

DoD/OEA: \$750,000 for bike/ped facilities study

DoD/DAR: \$28.174 million (Rockville Pike Crossing project)

Congressional Defense Appropriation: \$88.9 million for intersections and Crossing Project